CITY OF DEXTER PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:01pm via Zoom Meetings.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Becky Murillo – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan Toni Henkemeyer – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan Jamie Griffin – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan Anne Marques – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan Ron Miller – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan Joanne Wagner – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan Jake Young – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Commissioners Absent: None

Student Representatives Present:

Williamson – Present remotely in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Student Representatives Absent: Hauser and Walton

Others Present: Justin Breyer, Interim City Clerk and City Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Miller; Seconded by Henkemeyer to approve the minutes from November 17, 2020 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Murillo; Seconded by Wagner to appove the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

None

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

Tree Board - None

City Council – Jamie Griffin reported on Social Districts, City Council Goal Setting, and the potential merging of Parks and Recreation Commission and Tree Board.

Art Selection Committee - None

Student Representatives - None

C. STAFF REPORT

Justin Brever submitted his report per the packet, and provided an update of the following items:

Mill Creek

Commission discussed merging the Tree Board and Parks and Recreation Commission

Motion by Murillo, Second by Young to support the joining of the two commissions, and request that City Council appoint at least one member that has professional experience as an arborist.

Unanimous Voice Vote Motion Adopted

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021-2026 MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Murillo opened the public hearing at 7:30pm

Chet Hill, 7550 Forest St., reported that he knows Sandy Hansen and her background. Mr. Hill indicated that his background is in landscape architecture and that he has a business in town. He also knows a Mr. Bill Lawrence who was a City Forester for the City of Ann Arbor, but is now retired. Mr. Hill made the following suggestions for edits to the Master Plan

- Edit exhibit on page three to include all adjacent counties
- Include information on implications of COVID with regard to park planning
- Update terminology from "truncated domes" to "tuncated domes with warning strips"
- Update terminology about ADA accessibility to universal accessibility

Christin Cave-Leinbach, 3615 N. Wilson Ct., requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider the installation of shorter basketball hoops in the area across from Community Park and the installation of shade trees in Community Park.

Chair Murillo closed the public hearing at: 7:46pm

B. CONSIDERATION OF: ADOPTION OF 2021-2026 MASTER PLAN

Motion by Griffin, Second by Murillo

To adopt the resolution to recommend the adoption of the 2021 – 2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan to City Council, with the following changes:

- Edit exhibit on page three to include all adjacent counties;
- Update terminology from "truncated domes" to "tuncated domes with warning strips"
- Update terminology about ADA accessibility to universal accessibility
- Add information about COVID's impact on the 2020 planning process under "The Planning Process"
- General grammatical edits
- Addition of the Appendix
- On page 55, change "underused" to "least frequently used" for Community Park and Lions Park
- On page 42, remove Redline Athletics from Exhibit 23, Non-Public Recreational Facilities
- On page 54, correct the paragraph that mentions the December 3, 2015 date

Unanimous Voice Vote Motion Adopted

C. CONSIDERATION OF: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related the proposed Capital Improvements Projects:

Motion by Murillo, Second by Young to recommend the following changes for inclusion in the City of Dexter Capital Improvements Plan to the Planning Commission:

- Project 2.01 Add mention of installation of trees/shade and shorter basketball hoops in Community Park. Add estimated cost for these projects.
- Project 2.08 Change name and information to reflect a broader area for the location of a
 potential public kayak launch on the Huron River. Edit references to Central Street and
 update the map.

Unanimous Voice Vote Motion Adopted

OLD BUSINESS

None

PARKS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

The boardwalk can get slippery.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Doing a tree lighting project in Mill Creek Park
- Survey
- Mill Creek Park Playground

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Henkemeyer adjourn the meeting at 9:09pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer Interim City Manager and City Clerk

